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SUBJ: VISIT OF MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE MACHEL

SUMMARY: AT THE WELCOMING BANQUET FOR FRELIMO PRESIDENT MACHEL, VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING REITERATED THE PRC WARNING OF THE DANGER OF A NEW WORLD WAR. HE THEN MODIFIED THIS PREDICTIONS, SAYING THAT THERE WAS THE POSSIBILITY THAT REVOLUTION COULD PREVENT WAR. OTHERWISE, TENG STAYED CLOSE TO STANDARD LINES PEKING TAKES WITH AFRICAN LEADERS AND THE WELCOMING FOR THE PRESIDENT OF A NOT-YET INDEPENDENT COUNTRY WAS ABOUT ON PAR WITH AN AVERAGE CHIEF OF STATE VISIT. END SUMMARY

1. THE PRC HAS ACCORDED AN ESPECIALLY WARM WELCOME TO SAMORA MOISES MACHEL, HEAD OF FRELIMO AND THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE, WHO ARRIVED IN PEKING ON FEBRUARY 20. ON HIS FIRST DAY IN PEKING, MACHEL HAD TALKS WITH PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI IN HOSPITAL AND WITH VICE- PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING, WHO LED THE HIGH-LEVEL WELCOMING COMMITTEE AT THE AIRPORT.

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2. LATER AT A BANQUET HONORING MACHEL, TENG, IN ADDITION

TO PRAISING THE PEOPLES AND LEADERS OF MOZAMBIQUE, REPEATED THE STANDARD PRC POSITION ON WORLD DISORDER AND OPPOSITION TO COLONIALISM AND SUPERPOWER CONTENTION THEN REITERATED THE WARNINGS OF THE DANGER OF A NEW WORLD WAR. TENG ADDED THE MITIGATING STATEMENTS THAT "FACTORS OF REVOLUTION ARE INCREASING. WHEHTER WAR GIVES RISE TO REVOLUTION OR REVOLUTION PREVENTS WAR, IN EITHER CASE THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD WILL BE BRIGHT. " INTERESTINGLY, HOWEVER, NCNA'S WRAP-UP OF THE BANQUET SPEECH ONLY MENTIONED THE ICRREASED DANGER OF WAR AND DID NOT INCLUDE THE MODIFYING STATEMENTS. PRUDENTLY, THE VICE-PREMIER AVOIEDD EXPLICIT CRITICISM OF THE PORTUGUESE POLICIES AND POINTED OUT THAT " WHAT MERITS ATTENTION NOW" IS THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA, THUS SHIFTING THE FOCUS AWAY FROM PORTUGAL.

3. IN RESPONSE, MACHEL EFFUSIVELY PRAISED THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE WORKS OF MAO AND THE CHINESE ASSISTANCE TO FRELIMO AND THE MOZAMBIQUE PEOPLE IN CHARTERING THE CORRECT (I.E. ARMED) RODAD TO INDEPENDENCE. ALTHOUGH HE GENERALLY RESTRICTED HIS REMARKS TO DISUCSION OF THE SITUATION IN AFRICA. MACHEL OBVIOUSLY PLEASED HIS HOSTS BY REFLECTING ALMOST COMPLETE ACCEPTANCE OF PRC POSITIONS. HIS CONDEMNATION OF "THE AGGRESSIVE FORCES OF US IMPERIALISM FOR THEIR OCCUPATION OF TAIWAN" AND EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR THE "JUST STRUGGLE OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE FOR THE LIBERATION OF TAIWAN", HOWEVER, MAY HAVE PROVED SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSING TO HIS HOSTS.

4. THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT LEADER AND PRESIDENT -DESIGNATE STATED THAT HE HAD COME TO CHINA " TO STUDY AND LEARN" ABOUT NATION- BUILDING AND NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION. HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RETURN HOME, HOWEVER, WITH AT LEAST TACIT AGREEMENT GOVERNING PRC AID AND ASSISTANCE AS THE CHINESE SEEK TO FURTHER MAXIMIZE THEIR RELATIVELY SMALL, BUT POLITICALLY PROFITABLE, INVESTMENT IN AFRICA.

5. THE WELCOME FOR MACHEL ATTESTS TO THE IMPORTANCE PEKING CONTINUES TO ATTACH TO ITS TIES WITH THIRD WORLD AFRICAN NATIONS AND LIBERATIONS GROUPS, ESPECIALLY THOSE ACCEPTING MAOISM AS A GUIDE.

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